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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments/amendments with respect to claims 12, 25, and 26, and presently pending claims 1-27 filed on April 21, 2005 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

2. The examiner accepts the amended claim 53.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-8, 10-14, 16-18, 20-21, and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bialick et al. (Bialick Patent Number: 6,003,135).

As per claim 1, Bialick teaches a method comprising: in a portable data device (fig. 3B element 311), checking a wireless network card for a stored platform discrimination indication (col. 2 lines 32-47, col. 9 lines 45-col. 10 lines 10, and col. 13 lines 11-61); and depending on the value of the platform discrimination indication, inhibiting or allowing

data transfer using the wireless network card (col. 6 lines 46-lines 53, col. 10 lines 26-49, and fig. 5 No. 5).

As per claim 10, Bialick teaches a method comprising: at a first device (fig. 3B element 311), using an input electronic ID of a wireless network card (col. 11 lines 32-58) to determine a first key value (col. 18 lines 48-59, col. 14 lines 3-18, and col. 21 lines 28-50); at a portable data device not the first device (col. 18 lines 57-59), using the first key value to calculate a calculated ID value (col. 18 lines 48-59, col. 21 lines 28-50); and at the portable data device, comparing the calculated ID value to the electronic ID of the wireless network card so that if the calculated ID value matches the electronic ID of the wireless network card data transmissions from the portable data device through the wireless network card are enabled (col. 6 lines 46-53, and col. 21 lines 39-43).

As per claim 27, Bialick teaches a wireless network card software driver for a portable data device (fig. 3B element 311 and 312), the wireless network card software driver adapted to implement the steps of: checking wireless network card for platform discrimination indication (col. 2 lines 32-47, col. 9 lines 45-col. 10 lines 10, and col. 13 lines 11-61); using platform discrimination indication to determine whether to enable data transfer using the wireless network card (col. 6 lines 46-lines 53, col. 10 lines 26-49, and fig. 5 No. 5); if data transfer not enabled (col. 13 lines 31-34), prompting user for key value (col. 14 lines 3-18); using key value to determine a calculated ID value (col.

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21 lines 39-43); comparing the calculated ID value with ID value obtained from wireless network card; if calculated ID value matches ID value obtained from wireless network card, modifying platform discrimination indication in wireless network card to enable data transfer using the wireless network card (col. 6 lines 46-53, col. 6 lines 45-53, and col. 21 lines 39-43).

As per claim 2, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the portable data device is a notebook computer (col. 1 lines 29-33).

As per claim 3, Bialick teaches the method, wherein if the data transfer is inhibited, the portable data device requests an upgrade key value (col. 13 lines 31-34, col. 14 lines 3-18).

As per claim 4, Bialick teaches the method, wherein if an upgrade key (PIN/access key) value is provided by a user, the portable data device calculates a unique calculated I.D. value (col. 14 lines 3-18, col. 21 lines 28-50; key encryption decryption exchange is introduced).

As per claim 5, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the calculated I.D. value is compared to a unique electronic I.D. value stored in the wireless network card (col. 21 lines 39-50; digital signature/hash is suggested).

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As per claim 6, Bialick teaches the method, wherein if the calculated I.D. value matches the electronic I.D. value of the wireless network card, transmissions from the portable computer to the wireless network card are enabled (col. 21 lines 39-50).

As per claim 7, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the platform discrimination indicates the value in the wireless network card is modified when transmissions are enabled (col. 10 lines 26-49, fig. 5 element 5).

As per claim 8, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the key value is obtained by providing the unique electronic I.D. value of the wireless network card to a program that calculates the key value (col. 21 lines 39-50).

As per claim 11, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the first key is a platform activator key (col. 14 lines 3-18).

As per claim 12, Bialick teaches the method, wherein when the calculated I.D. value matches the electronic I.D. value of the wireless network card, a platform discrimination indication on the wireless network card is modified (col. 21 lines 39-50, col. 10 lines 26-49, and fig. 5 element 5).

As per claim 13, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the platform discrimination indication is checked before transmitting from the wireless network card using one type

of portable data device (col. 2 lines 32-47, and col. 9 lines 45-col. 10 lines 10).

As per claim 14, Bialick teaches the method, wherein other types of portable data devices do not require a check of the platform discrimination indication before operation (col. 13 lines 38-61).

As per claim 16, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the production of the key value is done using an encryption algorithm (col. 21 lines 44-50).

As per claim 17, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the production of the calculated I.D. value is done using an decryption algorithm (col. 21 lines 13-50).

As per claim 18, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the portable data device includes a device driver (fig. 3B element 311).

As per claim 20, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the electronic I.D. value is stored on the wireless network card (col. 11 lines 32-58).

As per claim 21, Bialick teaches the method, in which a personal computer obtains the electronic I.D. from the wireless network card electronically (col. 11 lines 32-58).

As per claim 26 Bialick teaches the wireless network card wherein the user takes an electronic I.D. of the wireless network card (col. 11 lines 32-58), uses the electronic I.D. of the wireless network card to produce a first key value (col. 18 lines 48-59), this first key value is then used by the personal portable data device to calculate a calculated I.D. (col. 21 lines 28-50), if the calculated I.D. matches the electronic I.D. of the wireless network card, the platform discrimination indication is modified to allow the wireless network card to operate with the expanded set of portable data devices (col. 6 lines 46-53, col. 6 lines 45-53, and col. 21 lines 39-43).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 9 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Bialick et al. (Bialick Patent Number: 6,003,135) in view of Okada et al. (Patent No.: US 6,374,315 B1).

As per claim 9, Bialick teaches the method, wherein the platform discrimination indication determines whether the wireless network card can be used with the given type of portable data device (col. 2 lines 32-47, col. 9 lines 45-col. 10, col. 14 lines 24-25),

Bialick teaches checking a wireless network card for a stored platform discrimination indication for a type of wireless network card and transfer data. Bialick does not explicitly teach one value of the platform discrimination indication allowing the wireless network card to be used with a restricted set of the portable data devices, another value of the platform discrimination indication allowing the use of the wireless network card with an expanded set of portable data devices, the expanded set of portable data devices including the restricted set of portable data devices, as well as additional portable data devices not included in the restricted set of portable data devices.

However Okada teaches a wireless network card/PCMCIA with a discrimination indication data stored on the card to allow the external storage device to be controlled by the host computer (col. 2 lines 53-55, col. 6 lines 24-36, and col. 7 lines 51-67).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Okada within the system of Bialick because they are analogous in wireless network card data transfer (fig. 2 no. 62 and 10). One skilled in the art would have been motivated to modify the teachings of Okada within the system of Bialick because it'd restrict/discriminate the wireless network card to be used in certain wireless devices in order to charge the notebook user less amount (for less traffic) than laptop user.

As per claim 22, Bialick teaches a wireless network card for use with portable data devices (fig. 3B element 311 and 312), the wireless network card including a stored platform discrimination indication (col. 2 lines 32-47, col. 9 lines 45-col. 10 lines 10, and col. 13 lines 11-61),

Bialick teaches checking a wireless network card for a stored platform discrimination indication for a type of wireless network card and transfer data. Bialick does not explicitly teach the value of the platform discrimination indication determining whether the wireless network card can be used with a given type of portable data device, one value of the platform discrimination indication allowing the wireless network card to be used with a restricted set of portable data devices, another value of the platform discrimination indication allowing the use of the wireless network card with an expanded set of portable data devices, the expanded set of portable data devices including the restricted set of portable data devices as well as additional portable data devices not included in the restricted set of portable data devices.

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Okada within the system of Bialick because they are analogous in wireless network card data transfer (fig. 2 no. 62 and

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10). One skilled in the art would have been motivated to modify the teachings of Okada within the system of Bialick because it'd restrict/discriminate the wireless network card to be used in certain wireless devices in order to charge the notebook user less amount (for less traffic) than laptop user.

As per claim 23, Bialick and Okada teach subject matter as described above. In addition Okada teaches the wireless network card wherein the restricted set of portable data devices includes a personal digital assistant but does not include notebook computers (col. 2 lines 53-55, col. 6 lines 24-36, and col. 7 lines 51-67). The rational for combining are the same as claim 22 above.

As per claim 24, Bialick and Okada teach subject matter as described above. In addition Okada teaches the wireless network card wherein the expanded set of portable data devices includes notebook computers (col. 2 lines 53-55, col. 6 lines 24-36, and col. 7 lines 51-67). The rational for combining are the same as claim 22 above.

As per claim 25, Bialick and Okada teach subject matter as described above. In addition Okada teaches the wireless network card in which the platform discrimination indication can be upgraded from the restricted set of portable data devices to the expanded set (col. 2 lines 53-55, col. 6 lines 24-36, and col. 7 lines 51-67). The rational for combining are the same as claim 22 above.

Claims 15 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Bialick et al. (Bialick Patent Number: 6,003,135) in view of Alexander et al. (Alexander Patent Number: 6,134,593).

As per claim 15, Bialick teaches all the subject matter as described above.

Bialick fail to explicitly teach the method, in which fees are charged when the first device provides the first key value.

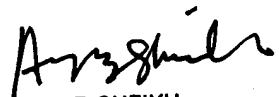
However Alexander teaches the method which fees are charged when the key value is provided (Abstract; fees are charged when a user transmits a computing device identifier). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to employ the teachings of Alexander within the combination system of Bialick because it would allow to process payment and grant access to software applications.

As per claim 19, Bialick and Alexander teach all the subject matter as described above. In addition, Alexander teaches the method, in which a cell service provider is used to provide the first key value (Abstract).

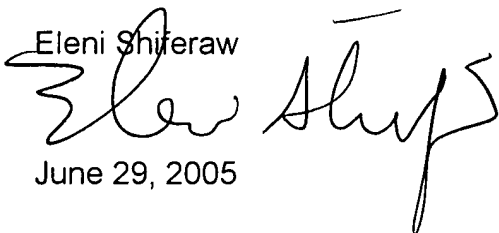
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eleni A. Shiferaw whose telephone number is 571-272-3867. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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